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JOB GROWTH INCREASES

Jobless Rate Declines

The number of unemployed Texans declined by 4,400 between November and December in the actual (not seasonally adjusted) series. The December actual unemployment rate for the State was 6.7 percent, down from 6.8 percent in November, but up from the year-ago rate of 6.5 percent. There were an estimated 575,200 Texans looking for work in mid-December, while total employment rose over the month to a level of 7,986,800.

The seasonally adjusted Texas unemployment rate rose from 6.6 percent in November to 7.1 percent in December. In December 1990 the rate was 7.0 percent. The U. S. seasonally adjusted rate was also up over the month, from 6.8 percent in November to 7.1 percent in December. The year-ago rate was 6.1 percent. The actual rate for the Nation rose from 6.6 percent in November to 6.8 percent in December. The year-ago rate was 5.9 percent.

Nonfarm Salaried Jobs Increase

Nonfarm Salaried Jobs increased by 5,100 between November and December. **Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment** in Texas totaled 7,193,000 in December '91. This was an increase of 67,500 jobs over the year.

Total **Nonmanufacturing** rose by 6,100 from November. At 6,222,400, this was up 83,300 from December '90.

Wholesale and Retail Trade reported the largest increase, up by 14,500 from November. Retail Trade was up by 13,300 due to seasonal Christmas hiring. Within Retail Trade, General Merchandise stores increased by 4,900; Apparel and Accessory Stores rose by 4,100; Other Retail Trade was up by 3,100; and Eating and Drinking Places increased by 1,700. A smaller increase occurred in Food Stores which was up by 800. Wholesale Trade increased by 1,200 over the month. A decrease of 800 was found in Automotive Dealers and Service Stations, while Building Materials and Garden Supplies lost 500 from November.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Dec.'91	Nov. '91	Dec.'90
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	125,108.0	125,396.0	124,630.0
Unemployment	8,559.0	8,286.0	7,343.0
Percent Unemployed	6.8%	6.6%	5.9%
Total Employment	116,549.0	117,110.0	117,287.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	125,619.0	125,257.0	125,174.0
Unemployment	8,891.0	8,499.0	7,600.0
Percent Unemployed	7.1%	6.8%	6.1%
Total Employment	116,728.0	116,758.0	117,574.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,562.0	8,559.4	8,521.5
Unemployment	575.2	579.6	556.7
Percent Unemployed	6.7%	6.8%	6.5%
Total Employment	7,986.8	7,979.8	7,964.8
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,596.0	8,517.0	8,540.0
Unemployment	613.0	561.0	595.0
Percent Unemployed	7.1%	6.6%	7.0%
Total Employment	7,983.0	7,956.0	7,945.0

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES ✚
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Dec.'91*	Nov.'91**	Dec.'90**	Dec.'91*	Nov.'91**	Dec.'90**	Dec.'91*	Nov.'91**	Dec.'90**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	50,900	50,800	51,300	96,000	96,200	96,400	444,100	444,100	439,400
Total Unemployment	2,700	2,800	3,000	4,900	5,000	4,900	20,800	21,000	20,300
Percent Unemployed	5.3%	5.5%	5.8%	5.1%	5.2%	5.1%	4.7%	4.7%	4.6%
Total Employment ++	48,200	48,000	48,300	91,100	91,200	91,500	423,300	423,100	419,100
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	175,200	174,700	168,800	90,200	90,100	88,200	107,700	107,800	107,300
Total Unemployment	13,500	13,400	12,100	5,800	5,900	5,200	13,100	13,600	14,500
Percent Unemployed	7.7%	7.7%	7.2%	6.4%	6.5%	5.9%	12.2%	12.6%	13.5%
Total Employment ++	161,700	161,300	156,700	84,400	84,200	83,000	94,600	94,200	92,800
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	63,900	64,800	63,700	169,000	168,000	167,900	1,446.7	1,441.8	1,438.6
Total Unemployment	2,400	2,500	2,300	14,300	13,800	13,200	92.2	89.2	77.8
Percent Unemployed	3.8%	3.9%	3.6%	8.5%	8.2%	7.9%	6.4%	6.2%	5.4%
Total Employment ++	61,500	62,300	61,400	154,700	154,200	154,700	1,354.5	1,352.6	1,360.8
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	254,000	253,500	254,200	731,900	731,300	737,600	110,700	110,800	108,900
Total Unemployment	25,800	26,600	28,600	47,500	47,300	41,800	8,300	8,100	8,500
Percent Unemployed	10.2%	10.5%	11.3%	6.5%	6.5%	5.7%	7.5%	7.3%	7.8%
Total Employment ++	228,200	226,900	225,600	684,400	684,000	695,800	102,400	102,700	100,400
	HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,767.8	1,764.5	1,752.9	97,200	97,300	96,300	53,100	53,400	54,700
Total Unemployment	106.9	105.2	94.5	7,000	7,100	7,500	5,000	5,200	6,700
Percent Unemployed	6.0%	6.0%	5.4%	7.2%	7.3%	7.8%	9.4%	9.7%	12.2%
Total Employment ++	1,660.9	1,659.3	1,658.4	90,200	90,200	88,800	48,100	48,200	48,000
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,300	78,900	79,300	116,200	115,600	116,900	160,300	163,800	170,500
Total Unemployment	6,700	6,600	5,700	6,500	6,600	5,500	26,200	31,200	36,000
Percent Unemployed	8.4%	8.4%	7.2%	5.6%	5.7%	4.7%	16.3%	19.0%	21.1%
Total Employment ++	72,600	72,300	73,600	109,700	109,000	111,400	134,100	132,600	134,500
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,800	48,800	48,200	53,900	53,400	51,500	44,100	44,200	43,700
Total Unemployment	2,600	2,800	2,300	3,800	3,900	2,800	2,500	2,500	2,100
Percent Unemployed	5.3%	5.7%	4.8%	7.1%	7.3%	5.4%	5.7%	5.7%	4.8%
Total Employment ++	46,200	46,000	45,900	50,100	49,500	48,700	41,600	41,700	41,600
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	604,300	602,300	606,000	46,900	46,800	47,400	57,000	56,900	57,100
Total Unemployment	38,100	38,000	43,300	3,100	3,000	2,800	4,200	4,100	3,600
Percent Unemployed	6.3%	6.3%	7.1%	6.6%	6.4%	5.9%	7.4%	7.2%	6.3%
Total Employment ++	566,200	564,300	562,700	43,800	43,800	44,600	52,800	52,800	53,500
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	74,500	74,200	75,000	37,400	37,200	36,200	93,000	93,200	93,400
Total Unemployment	5,200	5,300	5,100	1,900	1,700	1,800	5,900	5,800	5,400
Percent Unemployed	7.0%	7.1%	6.8%	5.1%	4.6%	5.0%	6.3%	6.2%	5.8%
Total Employment ++	69,300	68,900	69,900	35,500	35,500	34,400	87,100	87,400	88,000
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	54,700	54,600	55,300				8,562.0	8,559.4	8,521.5
Total Unemployment	3,500	3,500	3,600				575.2	579.6	556.7
Percent Unemployed	6.4%	6.4%	6.5%				6.7%	6.8%	6.5%
Total Employment ++	51,200	51,100	51,700				7,986.8	7,979.8	7,964.8

✚ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

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The only other Nonmanufacturing sector to report a gain was **Mining**, which increased by 400. This was due to an increase of 400 found in Oil and Gas Extraction.

The largest loss in Nonmanufacturing occurred in **Services**, which lost 3,900 over the month. Declining the most within Services was Educational Services, down by 2,100 over the month due to the holiday breaks. Other Services and Miscellaneous lost 1,300, while Business and Repair Services decreased by 1,000. Hotels and Other Lodging Places lost 400, while Amusement, Including Motion Pictures was down by 200 from November. The largest gain in Services was found in Health Services, which rose by 700 over the month. Personal Services increased by 300, while Engineering and Management Services went up by 100 from November.

Construction lost 3,500 jobs over the month. Very wet weather contributed to this seasonal decline, with the most significant decrease being found in Heavy Construction Other Than Building Construction.

Total **Government** declined by 900 from November. This was a result of State Government losing 3,200 jobs. Layoffs of part-time student workers accounted for a significant drop in jobs in State Education, as schools closed for their winter break. Local Government showed a gain of 1,300, due in part to the lifting of several hiring freezes. Federal Government increased by 1,000. This growth was concentrated largely in postal services which traditionally have larger workloads at this time of year.

Finance, Insurance and Real Estate declined by 500 over the month. Depository Institutions, Including Banks lost 500, while Other Finance, Insurance and Real Estate declined by 200 from November. Insurance Carriers, Agents and Brokers showed the only gain in F.I.R.E., increasing by 200 over the month.

Transportation and Public Utilities remained the same, at 436,100. This was up 7,500 from a year ago.

Manufacturing registered an over-the-month loss of 1,000 jobs from November. At 970,600, this was down by 15,800 from one year ago.

Durable Goods decreased by 1,500 from November. Losses of 400 each were found in Lumber and Wood Products and in Primary Metal Industries. Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries was down by 300.
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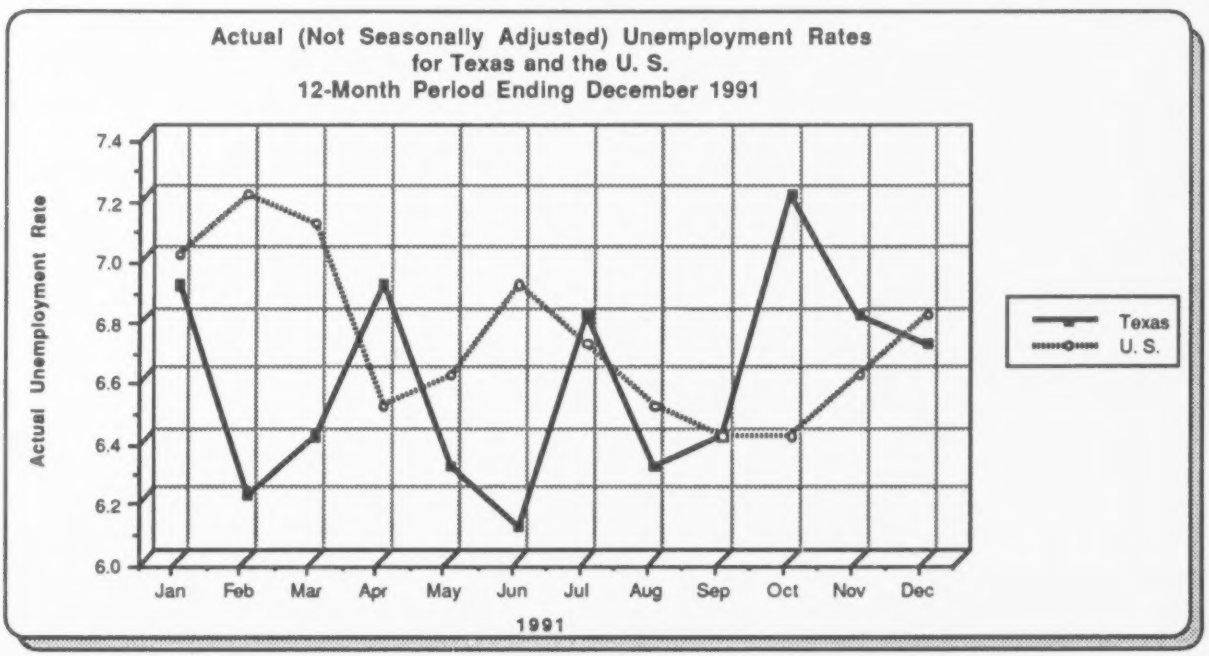

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	DEC. '91*	NOV. '91**	DEC. '90**	Chg. from NOV. '91	Chg. from DEC. '90
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**7,193,000**	**7,187,900**	**7,125,500**	**5,100**	**67,500**
MANUFACTURING	**970,600**	**971,600**	**986,400**	**-1,000**	**-15,800**
Durable Goods	**538,300**	**539,800**	**561,100**	**-1,500**	**-22,800**
Lumber & Wood Products	31,400	31,800	31,800	-400	-400
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,600	7,600	7,700	0	-100
Furniture & Fixtures	15,200	15,200	15,600	0	-400
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	33,300	33,400	34,300	-100	-1,000
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	14,000	14,000	14,700	0	-700
Primary Metal Industries	29,200	29,600	30,000	-400	-800
Fabricated Metal Industries	80,100	80,200	82,200	-100	-2,100
Fabr. Structructural Metal Prod.	39,000	39,000	40,300	0	-1,300
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	111,400	111,600	115,600	-200	-4,200
Oil & Gas Field Machinery	25,900	26,200	27,400	-300	-1,500
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	96,100	96,300	102,900	-200	-6,800
Transportation Equipment	86,400	86,200	94,100	200	-7,700
Aircraft & Parts	59,900	59,900	68,700	0	-8,800
Instruments & Related Prod.	39,300	39,300	39,000	0	300
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	15,900	16,200	15,600	-300	300
Nondurable Goods	**432,300**	**431,800**	**425,300**	**500**	**7,000**
Food & Kindred Products	101,400	101,100	102,800	300	-1,400
Meat Products	32,100	32,000	31,600	100	500
Dairy Products	4,200	4,200	4,200	0	0
Bakery Products	9,800	9,700	9,800	100	0
Malt Beverages	3,200	3,100	3,000	100	200
Textile Mill Products	4,100	4,100	4,200	0	-100
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	57,300	57,300	54,200	0	3,100
Paper & Allied Products	24,500	24,600	24,700	-100	-200
Printing & Publishing	75,000	74,800	74,700	200	300
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	35,900	35,600	36,000	300	-100
Chemicals & Allied Products	89,400	89,200	85,300	200	4,100
Petroleum & Coal Products	31,400	31,400	29,800	0	1,600
Petroleum Refining	28,300	28,200	26,500	100	1,800
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	42,000	42,100	42,200	-100	-200
Leather & Leather Products	7,100	7,100	7,300	0	-200
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**6,222,400**	**6,216,300**	**6,139,100**	**6,100**	**83,300**
Mining	**176,500**	**176,100**	**183,800**	**400**	**-7,300**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	9,200	9,200	9,300	0	-100
Oil & Gas Extraction	167,300	166,900	174,500	400	-7,200
Construction	**342,600**	**345,100**	**338,400**	**-3,500**	**4,200**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**435,100**	**435,100**	**428,600**	**0**	**7,500**
Railroad Transportation	18,000	18,100	18,600	-100	-600
Other Transportation	250,800	251,000	242,100	-200	8,700
Transportation by Air	82,700	83,000	77,200	-300	5,500
Communications	88,300	88,000	88,900	300	-600
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	79,000	79,000	79,000	0	0
Electric Services	40,200	40,200	40,500	0	-300
Gas Production & Distribution	26,500	26,700	27,100	-200	-600
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,746,900**	**1,732,400**	**1,733,100**	**14,500**	**13,800**
Wholesale Trade	422,300	421,100	423,500	1,200	-1,200
Retail Trade	1,324,600	1,311,300	1,309,600	13,300	15,000
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	39,400	39,900	40,300	-500	-900
General Merchandise Stores	191,500	186,600	195,000	4,900	-3,500
Food Stores	241,500	240,700	239,700	800	1,800
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	137,300	138,100	137,700	-800	-400
Apparel & Accessory Stores	83,000	78,900	83,000	4,100	0
Eating & Drinking Places	444,900	443,200	424,900	1,700	20,000
Other Retail Trade	187,000	183,900	189,000	3,100	-2,000
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**426,800**	**427,300**	**428,600**	**-500**	**-1,800**
Depository Insts., incl. Banks	123,500	124,000	127,700	-500	-4,200
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	146,400	146,200	143,500	200	2,900
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	156,900	157,100	157,400	-200	-500
Services	**1,762,800**	**1,766,700**	**1,724,600**	**-3,900**	**38,200**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	85,900	86,300	86,200	-400	-300
Personal Services	81,300	81,000	79,200	300	2,100
Business & Repair Services	447,200	448,200	449,500	-1,000	-2,300
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	75,000	75,200	75,700	-200	-700
Health Services	514,800	514,100	482,700	700	32,100
Educational Services	88,400	90,500	87,500	-2,100	900
Engineering & Mgmt. Services	154,400	154,300	152,200	100	2,200
Other Services & Miscellaneous	315,800	317,100	311,600	-1,300	4,200
Total Government	**1,330,700**	**1,331,600**	**1,302,000**	**-900**	**28,700**
Federal Government	206,100	205,100	199,000	1,000	7,100
State Government	298,400	301,600	284,100	-3,200	14,300
Local Government	826,200	824,900	818,900	1,300	7,300

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT + TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Dec.'91*	Nov. '91**	Dec.'90**	Dec.'91*	Nov.'91**	Dec.'90**	Dec.'91*	Nov.'91**	Dec.'90**	Dec.'91*	Nov.'91**	Dec.'90**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR		
TOTAL	49,500	49,200	49,100	78,700	78,800	78,600	386,300	386,000	383,500	152,200	152,000	146,600
Manufacturing	4,500	4,500	4,500	8,900	9,000	9,000	48,900	48,800	49,300	26,000	26,000	25,600
Mining	1,500	1,400	1,500	900	900	1,100	700	700	700	1,900	1,900	1,900
Construction	1,600	1,600	1,600	2,900	3,000	3,100	12,300	12,300	12,000	15,000	15,200	12,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,800	5,600	5,600	5,400	12,400	12,400	12,100	9,700	9,600	9,600
Trade	13,300	13,100	13,000	23,100	22,900	22,900	79,500	77,900	78,400	34,300	34,000	33,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,000	2,000	1,900	4,200	4,100	4,400	23,100	23,100	23,400	5,500	5,500	5,400
Services & Misc.	14,600	14,600	14,500	18,000	18,100	17,700	99,800	100,200	97,200	37,900	37,900	36,400
Government	9,200	9,200	9,300	15,100	15,200	15,000	109,600	110,600	110,400	21,900	21,900	21,700
	BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI		
TOTAL	68,800	68,800	67,200	78,200	77,800	75,500	56,900	57,400	56,200	139,100	139,100	138,600
Manufacturing	17,000	16,900	16,800	12,000	12,100	11,200	3,600	3,500	3,400	12,600	12,500	12,600
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,000	—	—	—	500	600	600	4,000	4,000	4,100
Construction	9,000	9,300	8,800	2,300	2,400	2,100	1,700	1,800	1,800	12,000	12,000	13,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,000	3,500	3,500	3,200	1,400	1,400	1,300	8,500	8,600	8,600
Trade	13,400	13,200	12,800	21,000	20,800	20,400	11,700	11,900	11,400	32,500	32,500	32,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	3,700	3,700	3,400	1,800	1,800	1,800	6,100	6,100	6,300
Services & Misc.	9,800	9,800	9,600	18,000	17,800	17,400	10,900	10,900	10,700	33,900	34,000	32,900
Government	12,800	12,800	12,400	17,700	17,500	17,800	25,300	25,500	25,200	31,500	31,400	30,800
	DALLAS ***			EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	1,384.2	1,383.0	1,387.3	212,500	211,500	210,900	585,600	585,800	593,700	76,900	77,000	76,100
Manufacturing	211.0	211.0	218.9	41,000	40,800	42,200	102,100	102,500	116,100	8,500	8,500	8,700
Mining	17.8	17.7	17.9	—	—	—	4,400	4,400	4,600	600	700	700
Construction	43.9	44.7	47.2	7,800	7,700	7,900	20,300	20,900	22,200	4,100	4,100	4,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	85.0	85.0	83.1	10,700	10,700	10,900	58,200	57,900	56,200	5,300	5,200	5,100
Trade	364.0	361.2	362.4	54,600	53,600	53,400	152,700	152,300	153,500	15,400	15,300	14,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	122.2	122.2	124.3	8,200	8,200	8,400	26,300	26,500	27,100	5,100	5,100	5,100
Services & Misc.	375.0	375.9	370.5	44,500	44,700	43,900	140,600	140,400	136,500	14,700	14,900	14,600
Government	165.5	165.3	163.0	45,700	45,800	44,200	81,000	80,900	77,500	23,200	23,200	22,700
	HOUSTON ***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	1,643.0	1,642.3	1,630.3	74,900	75,200	72,900	45,900	45,600	45,000	69,400	69,000	69,200
Manufacturing	176.7	176.5	176.7	8,400	8,700	8,900	1,400	1,500	1,600	15,700	15,700	16,100
Mining	69.3	69.5	71.0	—	—	—	1,800	1,800	1,800	3,300	3,300	3,500
Construction	107.4	109.3	109.8	2,400	2,400	2,200	1,300	1,300	1,300	4,200	4,100	3,500
Trans., Comm. & Util.	111.8	112.3	112.6	2,500	2,500	2,400	6,500	6,400	6,200	3,600	3,600	3,500
Trade	383.1	378.3	381.6	17,000	16,900	16,000	14,300	14,200	14,400	17,100	16,900	17,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	99.8	100.2	102.6	3,400	3,400	3,400	1,700	1,700	1,800	2,600	2,600	2,600
Services & Misc.	476.3	477.4	465.3	17,800	17,900	17,200	8,400	8,200	7,900	14,200	14,200	13,900
Government	218.6	218.8	210.5	23,400	23,400	22,800	10,500	10,500	10,000	8,700	8,600	8,900
	LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	99,500	99,700	100,500	105,700	104,800	104,100	45,900	45,800	44,800	45,900	45,700	44,500
Manufacturing	6,800	6,900	7,200	12,600	12,900	14,100	2,300	2,400	2,300	4,600	4,700	4,300
Mining	200	200	200	800	800	900	9,200	9,200	9,200	5,500	5,200	5,400
Construction	4,100	3,900	3,400	4,500	4,500	4,500	1,500	1,500	1,400	2,400	2,400	2,200
Trans., Comm. & Util.	5,600	5,500	5,800	3,100	3,100	3,200	2,600	2,500	2,400	2,100	2,100	2,000
Trade	28,500	28,200	29,600	33,300	32,500	32,400	11,100	11,000	10,700	13,200	13,000	13,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,400	5,400	5,300	3,900	3,900	4,000	2,100	2,100	2,300	1,300	1,300	1,500
Services & Misc.	25,000	24,900	25,200	18,700	18,500	18,300	9,800	9,800	9,500	8,500	8,600	8,100
Government	23,900	23,700	23,800	28,800	28,700	26,700	7,300	7,300	7,000	8,300	8,400	8,000
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	37,200	37,100	37,000	527,900	526,300	525,100	37,700	37,800	38,100	47,000	46,700	46,900
Manufacturing	5,000	5,100	5,000	43,700	43,900	43,400	10,300	10,500	10,800	6,400	6,400	7,100
Mining	300	300	500	1,800	1,800	1,900	—	—	—	100	100	100
Construction	1,100	1,200	1,200	22,200	22,300	22,200	1,300	1,300	1,500	1,400	1,500	1,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,800	2,600	23,200	22,800	22,000	1,600	1,600	1,600	2,500	2,500	2,400
Trade	9,200	9,100	9,200	133,900	132,400	134,000	8,100	8,100	8,000	11,200	10,900	11,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,600	37,400	37,400	39,000	2,100	2,100	2,000	1,700	1,700	1,700
Services & Misc.	9,500	9,400	9,200	141,300	141,500	139,400	9,800	9,700	9,700	11,800	11,800	11,300
Government	7,800	7,800	7,700	124,400	124,200	123,200	4,500	4,500	4,500	12,100	12,000	11,800
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO			WICHITA FALLS		
TOTAL	63,300	63,000	62,600	29,900	30,000	28,500	82,900	83,600	83,100	50,200	50,300	50,600
Manufacturing	11,000	10,900	11,000	3,100	3,100	3,000	14,800	15,300	15,700	8,200	8,200	8,200
Mining	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,600	—	—	—	1,400	1,400	1,400
Construction	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,800	1,800	1,500	3,300	3,300	3,000	1,700	1,700	1,900
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,900	2,900	2,800	1,400	1,400	1,400	3,400	3,400	3,500	2,700	2,700	2,700
Trade	16,300	16,000	16,100	8,000	8,000	7,700	19,400	19,300	19,700	11,800	11,800	11,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,300	3,400	1,600	1,600	1,600	5,200	5,200	5,300	2,100	2,100	2,100
Services & Misc.	16,400	16,400	16,100	6,800	6,900	6,400	23,100	23,300	22,500	12,900	12,900	12,700
Government	9,800	9,900	9,600	5,500	5,600	5,300	13,700	13,800	13,400	9,600	9,700	9,700

+ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
* Preliminary — subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✣

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec.'91*	Nov.'91	Dec.'90	Dec.'91*	Nov.'91	Dec.'90	Dec.'91*	Nov.'91	Dec.'90
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 476.26	$ 467.75	$ 450.93	43.1	42.6	42.5	$ 11.05	$10.98	$10.61
Durable Goods	465.04	454.75	446.77	43.3	42.5	43.0	10.74	10.70	10.39
Lumber & Wood Products	326.14	320.12	317.03	42.8	42.4	42.9	7.62	7.55	7.39
Furniture & Fixtures	328.38	319.09	273.64	42.1	40.7	37.9	7.80	7.84	7.22
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	408.74	416.78	432.31	42.8	43.1	43.8	9.55	9.67	9.87
Primary Metal Industries	525.22	504.08	509.33	45.2	42.9	44.6	11.62	11.75	11.42
Fabricated Metal Products	456.26	437.03	441.08	44.6	43.1	45.1	10.23	10.14	9.78
Industrial Mach., exc. Electric	460.78	452.12	462.49	43.8	43.1	44.3	10.52	10.49	10.44
Oil Field Machinery	555.36	552.29	612.68	48.0	47.9	52.5	11.57	11.53	11.67
Electronic & Oth. Electrical Eqmt.	463.14	450.46	459.20	41.5	41.1	41.0	11.16	10.96	11.20
Transportation Equipment	635.25	624.88	558.78	43.6	42.8	42.3	14.57	14.60	13.21
Instruments & Related Prod.	448.97	434.72	408.18	42.8	41.8	40.9	10.49	10.40	9.98
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	321.91	317.56	309.29	40.8	40.3	39.5	7.89	7.88	7.83
Nondurable Goods	489.49	483.64	456.96	42.9	42.8	42.0	11.41	11.30	10.88
Food & Kindred Products	400.68	401.75	378.01	43.6	44.1	43.3	9.19	9.11	8.73
Meat Products	296.27	308.39	282.01	43.0	44.5	42.6	6.89	6.93	6.62
Malt Beverages	1,058.08	952.03	939.73	54.4	48.4	51.1	19.45	19.67	18.39
Textile Mill Products	395.33	382.33	342.28	46.4	45.3	43.0	8.52	8.44	7.96
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	237.36	231.62	211.18	38.1	37.6	36.6	6.23	6.16	5.77
Paper & Allied Products	533.37	528.51	498.82	44.3	44.6	44.3	12.04	11.85	11.26
Printing & Publishing	475.80	456.03	440.36	41.7	40.5	40.4	11.41	11.26	10.90
Chemicals & Allied Products	757.67	759.23	737.48	44.7	45.3	44.4	16.95	16.76	16.61
Petroleum & Coal Products	840.26	823.28	752.75	47.1	46.2	44.7	17.84	17.82	16.84
Petroleum Refining	870.32	854.22	780.50	47.3	46.4	44.6	18.40	18.41	17.50
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	417.07	411.70	393.12	43.4	43.2	42.0	9.61	9.53	9.36
Leather & Leather Products	288.32	280.48	274.00	42.4	41.8	40.0	6.80	6.71	6.85
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	645.13	659.06	638.68	44.4	45.8	47.1	14.53	14.39	13.56
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	643.63	646.95	643.47	47.5	48.1	52.4	13.55	13.45	12.28
Oil & Gas Extraction	644.30	660.82	637.46	44.1	45.7	46.7	14.61	14.46	13.65
Communications	553.60	552.82	528.00	40.0	39.8	40.0	13.84	13.89	13.20
Elec., Gas & San. Services	584.22	574.33	569.71	41.7	41.8	42.9	14.01	13.74	13.28
Wholesale & Retail Trade	254.86	250.00	249.15	32.8	32.3	33.0	7.77	7.74	7.55
Wholesale Trade	455.31	442.18	440.36	40.4	39.8	40.4	11.27	11.11	10.90
Retail Trade	197.37	194.15	192.81	30.6	30.1	30.8	6.45	6.45	6.26
General Merchandise Stores	208.66	197.60	202.48	32.2	30.4	32.5	6.48	6.50	6.23
Depository Inst. inc. Banks	359.39	320.89	342.52	39.8	36.3	39.1	9.03	8.84	8.76

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 470.02	$ 452.15	$ 450.64	43.4	42.1	43.0	$ 10.83	$ 10.74	$ 10.48
Durable Goods	489.55	465.37	476.32	43.4	41.7	43.9	11.28	11.16	10.85
Nondurable Goods	437.33	428.56	407.68	43.3	42.6	41.6	10.10	10.06	9.80
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	505.66	492.13	471.96	42.6	41.6	41.4	11.87	11.83	11.40
Durable Goods	521.14	511.29	493.38	42.3	41.3	41.6	12.32	12.38	11.86
Nondurable Goods	474.77	455.15	424.76	43.2	42.3	41.0	10.99	10.76	10.36
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	580.13	563.88	563.34	45.5	44.4	45.8	12.75	12.70	12.30
Durable Goods	496.76	473.48	483.25	45.7	43.8	46.2	10.87	10.81	10.46
Nondurable Goods	682.67	674.10	665.00	45.3	45.0	45.3	15.07	14.98	14.68
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	340.72	335.79	328.02	41.5	41.0	40.9	8.21	8.19	8.02
Durable Goods	343.19	338.60	340.27	41.7	40.6	41.7	8.23	8.34	8.16
Nondurable Goods	338.66	332.05	315.20	41.3	41.3	40.0	8.20	8.04	7.88

✣Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. *Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

Decreases of 200 each were reported in both Industrial Machinery and Equipment and in Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment. Stone, Clay and Glass Products reported a loss of 100, as well as Fabricated Metal Industries. Several sectors within Durable Goods remained the same over the month.

Nondurable Goods rose by 500 from November. Food and Kindred Products was up by 300 while both Printing and Publishing and Chemicals and Allied Products rose by 200. The only losses in Nondurables were found in Paper and Allied Products and in Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastics Products, both down by 100 over the month. Several sectors within Nondurables showed no change from November. Among these were Textile Mill Products, Apparel and Other Finished Textile Products, Petroleum and Coal Products and Leather and Leather Products.

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Average Weekly Earnings Rise

For the estimated 636,600 Texas Manufacturing Production Workers, Average Hourly Earnings increased by seven cents from November to December, 1991. Average Weekly Hours were up by five-tenths of an hour, as Average Weekly Earnings increased by $8.51 over the month. This was $25.33 above the December '90 level of $450.93 per week.

In mid-December a worker, on average, was earning $11.05 per hour.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	DEC.'91	DEC.'90
Total Population	17,363,000*	17,209,100*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.9	1.6
UI Covered Employers	326,114	318,352
Total Claims Actions	806,243	575,375
Total Initial Claims Actions	88,703	70,834
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	717,540	504,541
Total Placements	24,413	23,100
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$165.46	$159.08
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	89,456,687	61,715,333

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY MSA
FOURTH QUARTER 1991 (OCT.-DEC.)

Abilene	$1,179,082
Amarillo	1,966,170
Austin	10,146,228
Beaumont-Port Arthur	6,796,180
Brazoria	2,653,490
Brownsville-Harlingen	4,560,708
Bryan-College Station	841,126
Corpus Christi	5,953,300
Dallas	52,396,798
El Paso	9,390,220
Fort Worth-Arlington	28,402,511
Galveston-Texas City	4,106,181
Houston	55,067,203
Killeen-Temple	2,252,171
Laredo	1,540,116
Longview-Marshall	3,326,383
Lubbock	2,725,655
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	9,042,672
Midland	1,369,147
Odessa	2,039,413
San Angelo	1,078,646
San Antonio	15,422,218
Sherman-Denison	1,604,360
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	1,133,465
Tyler	2,783,820
Victoria	742,286
Waco	2,884,211
Wichita Falls	1,821,739

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